

REMARKS

You will find attached a copy of the first page of a Transmittal Letter that was filed in this application. As the Transmittal Letter indicates, applicants indicated that this application was a "divisional" of prior pending application 08/240,877 filed on May 11, 1994. Rather than checking the "divisional" box, applicants should have indicated that the present application is a "continuation" application. This same error was made in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 3, 2000. In addition, the Examiner should note that items 1 and 3-8 noted in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed February 15, 2001 are also continuation applications rather than divisional applications. Accordingly, the present application and the other noted copending cases should be considered to be continuation applications rather than a divisional applications and the claim to priority in this case should be corrected.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**PATENT**

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**Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)**

Box: Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- ☐ continuation  
☐ continuation-in-part  
☒ divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 08/240,877, filed on May 11, 1994, which is a division of Application No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/891,298, now abandoned.

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Title: Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.  
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.  
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.  
4. ☐ Enclosed is a new specification.  
5. ☒ Enclosed are 2 sheet(s) of drawings.  
6. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)  
7. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a continuation of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
8. ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.  
9. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  
10. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

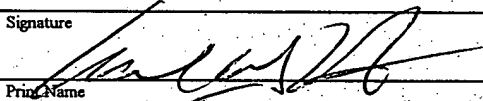
Claims As Filed, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 8 Or 9 Above					
(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee	
Total Claims	33 -20 =	13	x \$18.	\$234	
Independent Claims	1 -3 =	0	x \$80.	\$0	
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Total Filing Fee Due →				\$944	


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11. ☒ Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to file and during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested. A copy of this transmittal letter for fee processing is enclosed.
12. An assignment
- ☐ to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
  - ☐ from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
  - ☐ to \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed along with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
13. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed.
14. ☒ Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.
15. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10 I certify that this application is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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